

the methylene blue and further wherein the mixture formed is within one of the containers in which the methylene blue or body fluid is initially stored under sterile conditions; and

irradiating the mixture with a light field of a suitable intensity and wavelength for activating the methylene blue for a time sufficient to inactivate viruses in the mixture, while maintaining the mixture under a substantially no flow condition within the container in which the mixture is formed.

29. The method of Claim 28 wherein the body fluid comprises a blood component.

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30. The method of Claim 28 wherein the blood component is selected from the group consisting of: plasma, red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets.

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31. The method of Claim 28 wherein the container in which the mixture is formed is made of plastic.

32. The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: adding the methylene blue to the container in which the (body fluid) is already stored.

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33. The method of Claim 28 wherein the container in which the mixture is formed is made of a polyvinyl chloride material.

34. The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: adding the body fluid to the container that contains methylene blue.